



# Tennessee Crop Weather

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## MILD AUTUMN WEATHER CONTINUES

Farmers across the state experienced another tranquil weather pattern last week. High pressure dominated the weather at the beginning and ending of the week. The result was seasonable and dry weather conditions. For the second week in a row, farmers made good progress seeding wheat and harvesting soybeans and cotton. All three activities were progressing ahead of the five-year average pace. The first winter wheat condition rating of the season shows the crop in mostly good condition. Other farm activities last week included preparing tobacco for sale, applying lime, and renovating fields.

There were 5.5 days suitable for fieldwork across the state. Topsoil moisture levels were rated 2 percent very short, 16 percent short, 81 percent adequate and 1 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture levels were rated 3 percent very short, 25 percent short, 71 percent adequate and 1 percent surplus. Across Tennessee last week, temperatures averaged near to slightly above normal. Precipitation amounts averaged below normal across the state.

CROP PROGRESS					CONDITION					
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2010	Five Year Avg.	Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Percent					Percent					
Cotton – Harvested	94	86	99	86	Pastures	3	13	41	41	2
Soybeans – Harvested	90	81	99	88	Wheat	0	2	23	64	11
Tobacco – Burley Stripped	44	39	51	51						
Winter Wheat – Seeded	87	74	90	79						
Winter Wheat – Emerged	61	46	53	51						

### County Agent Comments

“No major issues at the moment. Farmers are harvesting the last few acres of corn, over half-way on soybean and cotton harvest. Few acres of wheat are still being planted.”

J.C. Dupree, Jr., Lauderdale County

“Crop harvest will be basically over by the weekend for the 2011 crop year. Producers have had exceptionally good harvest weather that has also allowed for timely wheat seeding, lime applications and dirt work to be completed.”

Jeff Lannom, Weakley County

“The county received about a quarter inch of rain this week. Temperatures have cooled off this week. Rain mid-week halted bean harvest which is just about complete. Cotton harvest is almost complete as well.”

Kevin Rose, Giles County

“Another week with a few rainy days, some soybean harvest, some wheat and pastures seeded.”

J. Dale Beaty, Warren County

“The most widespread killing frost arrived this week in Blount County. Farmers are still busy planting wheat, harvesting soybeans and working tobacco for market.”

John Wilson, Blount County

“Hay stock levels are low. Many beef and dairy producers are looking for hay to purchase.”

John Goddard, Loudon County

“Continued warm temperatures have kept pastures growing.”

Chris Ramsey, Sullivan County

TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION

For week ending: November 13, 2011 (with comparisons)

LOCATION	TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION					
	Week Ending November 13, 2011				Current Week 11/13/11	Rain Days	Current Since January 1	Departure From Normal January 1	Current Since April 1	Departure From Normal April 1
	HI	LO	AVG	DFN						
West										
Ames_Plantation	72	34	52	-4	0.39	3	43.93	0.80	31.41	2.05
Brownsville_TN	72	34	52	-4	0.33	2	47.91	4.99	35.33	6.21
Covington	71	35	52	-3	0.41	1	48.31	6.13	36.62	8.12
Dyersburg	72	36	54	-2	0.35	1	42.12	1.00	28.95	0.65
Huntingdon_Wate	72	33	51	-3	0.37	2	48.82	4.66	34.51	4.11
Jackson_Exp_Stn	73	31	51	-4	0.38	3	47.48	4.42	35.64	5.86
Lexington_TN	72	33	51	-4	0.45	2	41.25	-0.80	29.72	0.86
Martin	73	36	53	0	0.59	2	54.81	11.03	38.36	7.82
Memphis_AG	73	33	53	-5	0.46	2	47.53	5.44	35.91	7.31
Milan	73	30	51	-3	0.34	2	56.10	11.35	42.15	11.02
Paris	71	32	49	-4	0.39	2	56.87	13.60	40.88	11.12
Savannah_6SW	73	33	52	-4	0.72	3	48.28	1.81	33.74	2.73
Selmer	70	31	50	-4	0.45	3	46.44	0.71	34.11	3.62
Union_City	70	31	50	-4	0.40	2	51.20	8.25	36.03	6.26
Middle										
Clarksville_Sew	72	33	51	-2	0.39	2	55.21	13.49	40.80	12.73
Cookeville	69	30	48	-4	0.57	2	58.34	11.10	41.87	9.66
Crossville_AP	63	30	49	-2	0.64	2	50.42	4.23	35.77	4.60
Dickson_AG	70	31	51	-3	0.50	1	45.51	1.08	30.34	-0.08
Dover_1W	70	32	50	-3	0.62	3	56.44	12.87	39.85	10.18
Fayetteville_TN	70	30	51	-2	0.44	2	54.13	9.50	37.45	8.10
Jamestown	66	28	47	-4	0.61	1	58.85	12.97	41.20	9.16
Kingston_Spring	72	30	50	-2	0.58	2	44.11	1.20	31.02	2.08
Lawrenceburg_Fl	69	32	50	-3	0.65	2	47.23	1.03	33.35	2.97
Lewisburg	70	26	49	-4	0.50	1	52.73	7.05	37.47	6.37
Linden	70	32	50	-3	0.75	2	44.22	-1.26	31.38	0.89
Livingston_WLIV	67	30	48	-4	0.60	1	58.27	14.38	39.18	8.81
Murfreesboro_5N	70	30	49	-5	0.66	2	51.20	6.75	37.22	6.55
Nashville_Metro	69	34	52	-3	0.47	1	41.47	2.22	29.02	2.01
Oneida	68	27	46	-4	0.65	1	63.36	17.09	44.53	12.13
Portland_TN	68	29	51	-2	0.44	2	48.48	5.81	32.44	3.07
Pulaski_Water_P	68	29	47	-8	0.55	1	55.48	9.87	40.69	10.47
Shelbyville	70	33	52	-3	0.41	2	58.49	12.63	42.12	11.14
Sparta_TN	69	29	48	-4	0.56	1	56.57	10.67	40.89	9.56
Springfield	70	33	52	0	0.43	1	48.29	7.30	34.02	5.90
Springhill	73	27	49	-4	0.68	1	40.63	-4.81	28.27	-2.56
Tullahoma	68	32	50	-5	0.57	1	51.08	4.06	37.05	6.00
East										
Chattanooga/Lov	67	35	51	-5	0.52	1	49.82	5.36	31.43	2.70
Cleveland_6NNE	67	30	49	-4	0.62	2	38.67	-6.96	24.24	-5.83
Dayton	65	31	48	-6	0.65	1	49.56	3.01	32.86	2.33
Erwin_1W	68	27	46	-4	1.33	2	44.77	2.97	33.26	2.97
Gatlinburg_2SW	66	28	45	-5	1.08	3	54.49	6.44	40.04	5.93
Greeneville	69	27	46	-6	1.23	2	40.94	4.29	30.32	4.36
Kingston_AG	66	34	49	-2	0.76	1	51.79	3.25	35.34	2.88
Knoxville_AP	66	32	49	-4	0.76	1	45.01	5.51	31.05	4.87
Newcomb	67	28	47	-3	0.83	1	53.08	6.81	38.57	6.17
Norris_4NE	66	31	48	-4	0.96	1	55.80	11.72	39.25	9.06
Tri-City_RGNL_A	67	27	47	-5	1.63	2	40.54	5.61	27.79	3.23

DFN = Departure from Normal (Using 1961-90 Normals Period). Rain Days = Days with precip of 0.01 inch or more during the week. Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches.

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